

William Berkeley Lewis to Andrew Jackson, March 28, 1844, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

class=MsoNormal>MAJOR WILLIAM B. LEWIS TO JACKSON.

Washington, March 28, 1844.

. . . . I saw our friend Mr. Walker last night and had a conversation with him upon the subject of Texian affairs. Having understood that I intended writing to you to day, he begged me to say to you that yours, enclosing President Houstons letter, had come safely to hand. I think Houstons a capital letter, and, if prudently and judiciously used, it may 0300 276 do much good. It is not only written with great ability, but with manly firmness and dignified moderation. I think, an so suggested to Mr. Walker, that if a Treaty be made it ought to be read to the Senate in secret session, and in this he agreed with me.

Mr. Walker desired me also to say to you that he thinks the Treaty, if made, will be ratified, notwithstanding some of the Senators, whigs and democrats, are of the opinion that this is not the proper time! I hope in this he may not be mistaken but I confess to you my dear General, I have my fears. There seems to be a great unwillingness that Messrs. Tyler and Calhoun shall have the credit of conusmmating this great and long desired measure, on the part of those who think that this is not the propitious moment . It may, therefore, be postponed until the next session of congress. I hope not, however; but you need not be surprised if such should be the fate of the Treaty at this session, and for the reason stated above.